

# BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2018 7.30 PM

### PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (CH) (Chairman), Christopher Evans (CE), David Smith (DS), Ed Walsh (EW) and Clive Morris (CM).

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (CG) (Parish Clerk)

#### 1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1. There were no members of public.
- 1.2. There was no report from County Councillor Jane Story
- 1.3. There was no report from District Councillor Roy Barker who had given his apologies for not attending.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Diane Donat (DD) and Bim Patel (BP) and the reasons were accepted.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- 3.1. EW declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.3
- 3.2. No requests for dispensations.

#### 4. MINUTES

- 4.1. The minutes of the meeting held 17 January 2018 had been previously circulated.  
**It was resolved that these were an accurate record of these meetings.**
- 4.2. There were no matters arising.

#### 5. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1. A report of the meeting with the Community Street Cleaner (CSC) had been previously circulated and was noted. The issues were considered. In principle it was agreed a litter bin outside or near to the shop was appropriate. CG will investigate types of bin and CH will investigate an exact location. This will be reviewed at the next meeting. Consideration was given to provision of a shed and further equipment for Long Thurlow. This was agreed in principle and CM will make enquiries in Long Thurlow for a suitable location for a shed. This will be reviewed at the next meeting. It was noted that the CSC was having a positive impact and he is aiming to cover the main areas of both villages on a three-weekly cycle. However, additional hours could be beneficial as CSC does also get involved in minor maintenance issues which is useful. It was considered whether an increase from three to four hours a week was appropriate and affordable. Budget implications were considered.  
**It was resolved to increase the number of hours for the CSC role to four a week.**
- 5.2. A letter had been received from MSDC concerning Village Spring Cleans. It was noted that whilst there is a CSC there are many areas and paths that cannot get visited with the resources available. Therefore, it was decided to move forward with a Village Spring Clean on Saturday 21 April 2018 from 10.00 to 12.00 followed by refreshments in the village hall. CG to advise MSDC and seek appropriate equipment and bags. CG to arrange for events to be advertised in the Badwell Broadsheet for April.

## 6. ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1. The relocation of the defibrillator is moving forward positively. Now proceeding with locating outside village shop and permissions required need to be formally agreed.
- 6.2. The costs of a lease from Badwell Ash Playing Field and Recreation Ground in respect part of the recreation ground to the Parish Council had been investigated and will likely be £1,000 for the Parish Council. There had been misunderstandings on the appropriate way forward. It was decided to pass this project back to Badwell Ash Playing Field and Recreation Ground.
- 6.3. There was discussion about an appropriate memorial for the school headteacher to replace the garden in the old school grounds. Various options and locations were considered. It was decided to investigate a seat with plaque on a site near to the telephone box. CG to investigate designs and costs for consideration at the next meeting.
- 6.4. There was discussion about the location and condition of the existing grit bins. It was considered that one new bin was needed. CH to investigate all locations and assess the condition of bins and CG to investigate cost of a new plastic bin. This will considered further at the next meeting.

## 7. PLANNING

- 7.1. Progress with previous planning applications were noted.
- 7.2. Planning application number DC/17/06268 relating to land at Wyverstone Road, Long Thurlow, Bury St. Edmunds was considered.  
**It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections and to ask that the design of the properties are sympathetic to the surrounding environment.**
- 7.3. Planning application number DC/18/00107 and DC/18/00108 relating to Lavender Cottage, The Street, Badwell Ash, IP31 3DG was considered.  
**It was resolved to advise MSDC that the Parish Council had no objections.**

## 8. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 8.1. The following cheques were considered for payment:
  - £20.59 to Dean Clarke – expenses
  - £173.16 to Vertas Group Ltd – grounds maintenance
  - £528.00 to 121 Computer Services Ltd – laptop and software
  - £1172.50 to Suffolk County Council – street lighting maintenance and energy costs**It was resolved that the above cheques can be issued.**
- 8.2. The income and expenditure statement to 31 December 2017 was noted and the bank reconciliation was confirmed with the bank statements.

## 9. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 9.1. The date for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 2 May 2018 and will be in the same format as 2017.
- 9.2. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.30 pm.
- 9.3. There will also be an additional meeting on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7.30 pm to consider a planning application.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Christopher Garman  
Parish Clerk  
13 February 2018